

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Page 9, amend the first paragraph as follows:

B<sup>1</sup> --To the control unit 6' of the or each auxiliary engine 2' there are conveniently connected sensors or transducers 110' to provide information or state signals intended to be transmitted to the main control unit 6 of the lead engine 2 via one or the other of the transmission lines 4 and 5 for feedback verification by the main control unit 6 of the synchronisations of the various operations. Sensors or transducers 110 could also be provided in the lead engine 2.--

amend the third paragraph as follows:

B<sup>2</sup> --The main control unit 6 is moreover advantageously prearranged to detect a possible condition in which the transmission lines 4 and 5 are interrupted each between different pairs of slave control units, such as the condition illustrated by way of example in Figure 3, in which the two interruptions are indicated I1 and I2. Upon detection of such a condition the main control unit 6 sends the transducer command signals to at least two slave control units between which there is an interruption of one of the transmission lines 4, 5.

Page 10, amend the third full paragraph as follows:

B<sup>3</sup> --In operation in an emergency condition of the type shown in Figure 3, the provisional line 16 is nevertheless usable for the propagation of the electricity supply for the various slave control units 9 and 6'--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-11 inclusive without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims: